

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.101
Historic Name:	Doane, Nathan House
Common Name:	
Address:	1675 Nauset Rd
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	09-250
Year Constructed:	c 1760
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Secondary Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House; Speciality store; Tavern
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture; Commerce; Transportation
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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Construction

c. 1760

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Federal

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r Material:

Foundation

Field Stone

Wall/Trim

Shingles

Roof

Not Visible

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition

Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

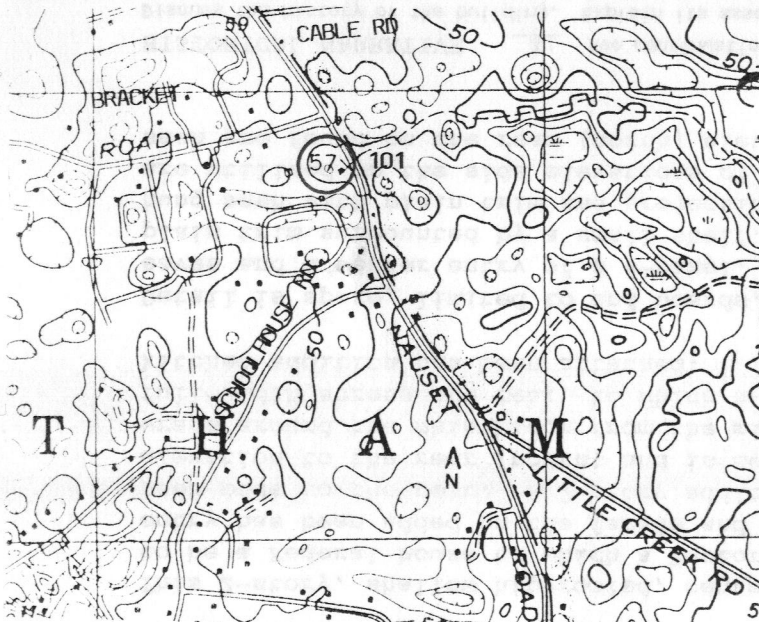
Acreage

.8 Acres

Setting Located in a moderately-settled, rural area south of the intersection of Schoolhouse and Nauset Roads.



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BUILDING FORM

1675 Nauset Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 2-story, shallow hip-roofed, center-chimney, 5 x 2-bay dwelling appears to be a Federal house to which a 2-story, projecting, flat roofed, enclosed entry has been added on the facade and extensive 1 and 2-story additions have been made to the rear. A 2-story addition extends flush with the west elevation to the rear (north) and is met with a second, 2-story addition that wraps around the main block from the middle of the east elevation and extends full-width across the rear, to which a perpendicular, 1-story, hip-roofed, kitchen addition has been attached.

Detail is spare, limited to end boards, boxed, molded cornice with narrow eaves and a center entry of a 4-panel, wooden door in a simple surround of plain trim surmounted by a small shelf. Fenestration consists of 6/6, double-hung sash with plain trim and projecting sills. Narrow, 4/4, double-hung sash are utilized on the side elevations of the enclosed entry and 3/3, double-hung sash are found on the rear (north) elevation of the kitchen addition.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Nauset Road was a local loop off King's Highway in the north of Eastham built during the Federal Period. By the end of the 1700's, a windmill was located at the west shore of Salt Pond. That mill may be the one moved to Eastham Center. On the 1831 map of Eastham, another windmill is indicated further north on the west side of Nauset Road. These structures indicate a developed agricultural presence at the southern end of Nauset Road. By 1831, a small hamlet was in place at the junction of Nauset Road and King's Highway which included at least one commercial establishment. A school was also located in the neighborhood just south of the windmill. The windmill, which had been run by Isaiah Gill and Freeman Horton, was out of operation and dismantled by 1865.

Unattributed and undated documentation on file for this property at the Eastham Historical Society Archives indicates this house was one of the several dwellings located along Nauset Road belonging to various members of the Doane family, all of whom were descended from Deacon John Doane, one of the founders of Nauset (Eastham). This house was reputedly built c. 1760 by Nathan Doane who sold it to Captain Michael Collins in 1794. The sale included a house, barn, corn house and blacksmith's shop.

According to almanacs of the period, the property supported agricultural uses, a blacksmith forge, a tavern and a stagecoach stop from c. 1800 until 1825. The house is reputed to be the one referenced by Edward A. Kendall in his 1807 book Travels through the Northern Parts of the United States. Michael Collins willed half of the holding to each of his

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

two sons, Michael and Benjamin H. A. Collins. Michael Collins' name appears at the property on the 1858 map of Eastham. He married Dorcas Cobb in 1817. Michael Collins served as member of school committee and of the boards of selectmen and assessors. He was also commissioned as a military adjutant in 1815, elected to the General Court of Massachusetts in 1832 and was county constable. In addition to his civic activities, Michael Collins helped select the location for the lighthouse and with assistance from his brother, Harry, was the first keeper of Nauset light from 1838 until 1865. He is referenced in the journal of Ralph Waldo Emerson who visited the Three Sisters in 1854.

In 1876, Benjamin H. A. Collins proprietor of a saltworks, owned both halves of the house. He willed the property to his daughters, Melinda C. Mayo, Lucy Doane and Jane A. Bradford. T. Mayo, who may have been related to Melinda Mayo, is noted as the owner of the house on the 1880 map of Eastham. In 1908, the dwelling is attributed to C. Chase, who is not referenced in local, secondary sources. Trayser describes the property as the Harry Collins house and attributes it in 1951 to be the summer residence of Frank Collins who had an old book shop in one wing, but Harry and Frank Collins are not mentioned in the material in the Archives file.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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